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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

Applicants submit herewith a European Search Report from corresponding European Patent Application No. 03780938.1. The Examiner is invited to review the Search Report to ascertain the significance attributed by the European searcher to the listed documents.

The Search Report lists the following documents, which, except for U.S. Patents and Applications, are provided herewith. With the noted exceptions, all of the following documents are duly listed on the Form PTO-1449.

EP 0 943 690

WO 90/13310

U.S. Patent No. 6,342,585 (not listed on the Form PTO-1449, as it was previously provided to the Office)

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EP 1 452 597 (identified in the Annex to the Search Report as a family member of WO 03/048357)

EP 0 520 499

Murphy, Michael et al., European Journal of Biochemistry, Vol. 210, No. 1, pp. 139-146 (1992)

Moran, Louise K. et al., Current Medicinal Chemistry, Vol. 8, No. 7, pp. 763-772 (2001)

EP 0 233 044

The Examiner is requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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